

MEMO

To: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

From: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

Date: February 10, 2012

Subject: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Leon Davidoff, Shari Cantor, Clare Kindall, Burke Doar, Ron Van Winkle, Rob Rowilson, John Phillips, David Kraus

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 6:30 P.M., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. 2012 construction

Rob Rowilson and Dave Kraus discussed the infrastructure projects occurring in the coming construction season. Public Utilities, the State of Connecticut, and Town of West Hartford projects will combine to make this one of the busiest construction seasons we have seen in many years.

2. Handicap ramp

The town has an aggressive program of installing handicap ramps. During street reconstruction handicap ramps are always installed and the town has a substantial number of streets that are fully accessible. In addition, we install ramps where there is substantial pedestrian traffic and when we get individual requests.

3. Busway

We expect to see substantial construction related to the State's busway project to begin in April. We have appealed the ConnDOT's acquisition of a piece of town land on New Park Avenue because of the impact on adjacent waterway structures, we are asking ConnDOT to accept responsibility for those structures. In addition, we have appealed to the ConnDOT Commissioner for a change to the design of the entrance to the bus station on New Park and Flatbush because of our concern about its impact on pedestrian safety and traffic congestion.

4. Trash

We are continuing to discuss with a private contractor an option for the disposal of town MSW and recycling. The savings are estimated to be \$250,000.

5. MDC budget

This item was not discussed.